

BOARD MEETINGS
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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**Limit on
Participation**

Audience participation at a Board meeting is limited to either the public comment or citizen participation portions of the meeting, which are designated for that purpose. At all other times during a Board meeting, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the Board, unless requested by the presiding officer.

Public Comment

At every meeting of the Board (including special-called meetings and committee of the whole workshops), the Board shall allot time to hear persons who desire to make public comment to the Board about posted agenda items prior to their consideration or action on the item. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall register to speak on the day of the meeting at the designated time and location.

Citizen Participation

At each regular meeting of the Board, the Board shall, in addition to public comment, allot time for citizen participation in order to hear persons who desire to make comments to the Board on matters of concern or interest to the District that are not posted agenda items. The Board may limit the number of speakers for citizen participation in accordance with established procedures and may utilize a lottery drawing or other method to randomly select speakers. Any persons not chosen to speak during citizen participation shall be given the opportunity to present their views to the Board in writing. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall register to speak on the day of the regular Board meeting at the designated time and location.

Board's Response

Board members may ask questions of presenters to clarify the issues presented but are not required to do so. Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to citizen participation, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any matter that is not properly posted on the agenda for the meeting.

Public Hearings

The Board may hold a public hearing in which any interested persons shall be allowed to present information on the topic of the hearing in accordance with established procedures.

Disruption

The Board shall not tolerate disruption of the meeting by members of the audience. If, after at least one warning from the presiding officer, any person continues to disrupt the meeting by his or her words or actions, the presiding officer may request assistance from law enforcement officials to have the person removed from the meeting.